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Report of the Secretary-General

Summary

The present report has been prepared in accordance with paragraph 5 (d) of the annex to General Assembly resolution 58/316. It contains the draft programme of work of the plenary for the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly. The draft programmes of work of five of the six Main Committees of the Assembly, which were adopted by the Assembly during the main part of its sixty-seventh session, can be found in the respective decisions of the Assembly. The status of documentation will be issued as an addendum to the present report.

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I. Introduction

1. The General Assembly, in paragraph 5 (d) of the annex to its resolution 58/316, entitled "Further measures for the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly", decided that in July of each year the General Committee would conduct a review of the proposed programme of work for the forthcoming session of the Assembly, on the basis of a report submitted by the Secretary-General, and would also submit recommendations on the matter to the Assembly at its forthcoming session. The report would include information on the status of documentation to be issued during the forthcoming session.

2. The present report has been prepared in response to that request.

3. The draft programmes of work of the Main Committees, with the exception of the Fifth Committee,[1] have been approved by the respective Committees and were adopted by the General Assembly in the following decisions: First Committee (decision 67/520); Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (decision 67/531); Second Committee (decision 67/549); Third Committee (decision 67/541); and Sixth Committee (decision 67/523).

4. With a view to assisting the General Committee and the General Assembly in their efforts to maximize both effectiveness and efficiency, the present report contains the draft programme of work of only the plenary for the sixty-eighth session. The draft programmes of the Main Committees are available in the respective decisions.

5. The status of documentation will be issued as an addendum to the present report.

II. Draft programme of work of the plenary for the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly

First week (17-20 September)

Tuesday, p.m.	Opening of the session by the President of the General Assembly [1][2]
	Minute of silent prayer or meditation [2]
	Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee [3 (a)]
Wednesday	Meeting of the General Committee
Friday	Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: first report of the General Committee [7]

[1] The Fifth Committee has not taken a decision on this matter.

[2] Items and their numbers cited herein are from the preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-eighth session (A/68/50). All items are pending approval by the General Assembly at its sixty-eighth session for their inclusion in the agenda and allocation for consideration. Some items that are on the preliminary list but not reflected in this draft programme are omitted either in accordance with relevant resolutions and decisions of the Assembly or for scheduling at a later date.

Second week (23-27 September)	
	[Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences]
Monday	High-level meeting on "The way forward: a disability-inclusive development agenda towards 2015 and beyond" [27 (b)] (resolution 66/124)
Tuesday to Friday	General debate [8][3]
	[Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences; Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Wednesday	Special event to follow up on efforts made towards the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals [14 and 118] (resolution 65/1)
	[Disarmament]
Thursday	High-level meeting of the General Assembly on nuclear disarmament [99 (aa)] (resolution 67/39)
Third week (30 September-4 October)	
Monday to Wednesday	General debate [8]
	[Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences]
Thursday to Friday	High-level dialogue on international migration and development [21 (e)] (resolution 67/219)
Fourth week (7-11 October)	
	[Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences]
Monday	Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the 2002 International Conference on Financing for Development and the 2008 Review Conference: sixth High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development [18] (resolution 67/199)

[3] As the first item before the opening of the general debate, the Secretary-General will present his report on the work of the Organization.

	[Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Wednesday	Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization [111]
Friday	The United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy [119]
Fifth week (14-18 October)	
	[Promotion of justice and international law; Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Monday	Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [73]; Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [74]; International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals [132]: joint debate
Tuesday	*Official United Nations holiday (Eid al-Adha)*
	[Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Thursday	Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council [114 (a)]
Sixth week (21-25 October)	
	[Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences; Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Monday	1. Sport for peace and development: building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal [11] 2. Follow-up to the commemoration of the two-hundredth anniversary of the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade [120]
Tuesday	1. Report of the Economic and Social Council [9]; Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields [14]: joint debate

	2. Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit [118]: specific meeting focused on development (resolution 60/265)
Thursday	*United Nations Day Concert*
	[Development of Africa; Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences]
Friday	New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support [63 (a) and (b)]; 2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa [13]: joint debate
Seventh week (28 October-1 November)	
	[Maintenance of international peace and security]
Tuesday	Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba [40]
	[Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Wednesday	Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council [114 (b)]
	[Promotion of justice and international law]
Thursday	1. Report of the International Court of Justice [72]
	2. Report of the International Criminal Court [75]
Eighth week (4-8 November)	
	[Disarmament]
Tuesday	Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency [88]
	[Maintenance of international peace and security]
Thursday	The situation in Afghanistan [37]
Ninth week (11-15 November)	
	[Maintenance of international peace and security]
Monday	Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies [31]

	[Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Tuesday	1. Election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination [115 (a)]
	2. Election of fourteen members of the Human Rights Council [115 (c)]
	[Promotion of human rights]
Wednesday	Report of the Human Rights Council [64]
	[Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Thursday	1. Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [116 (a)]
	2. Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions [116 (b)]
	3. Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee [116 (c)]
	4. Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors [116 (d)]
	5. Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission [116 (e)]
	6. Appointment of members of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee [116 (f)]
Tenth week (18-22 November)	
	[Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Monday	Interaction between the United Nations, national parliaments and the Inter-Parliamentary Union [127]
	[Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences; Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Wednesday	1. Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields [14]; Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit [118]; Strengthening of the United Nations system [124 (a) and (b)]; United Nations reform: measures and proposals [125]: joint debate
	2. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations [121]; Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly [122]: joint debate

	[Organizational, administrative and other matters; Maintenance of international peace and security]
Thursday	1. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations [113]
	2. Report of the Security Council [29]
Eleventh week (25-29 November)	
	[Maintenance of international peace and security]
Monday p.m.-Tuesday a.m. and p.m.	1. Question of Palestine [36]
	2. The situation in the Middle East [35]
Thursday	*Official United Nations holiday (Thanksgiving)*
Twelfth week (2-6 December)	
	[Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Monday	Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters [123]
	[Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Wednesday	1. Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences [116 (g)]
	2. Appointment of a member of the Joint Inspection Unit [116 (h)]
	[Maintenance of international peace and security]
Thursday	The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict [32]
Thirteenth week (9-16 December)	
	[Promotion of justice and international law]
Monday	Oceans and the law of the sea [76 (a) and (b)]: joint debate
	[Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences; Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Wednesday	1. Global road safety crisis [12]
	2. Global health and foreign policy [129]

	[Effective coordination of humanitarian assistance efforts]
Thursday	Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance [70 (a) to (d)]; Assistance to survivors of the 1994 genocide in Rwanda, particularly orphans, widows and victims of sexual violence [71]: joint debate
	[Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences; Maintenance of international peace and security; Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Monday	1. Culture of Peace [15]
	2. Prevention of armed conflict [33 (a) and (b)]
	3. Protracted conflicts in the GUAM area and their implications for international peace, security and development [34]
	4. The situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan [38]
	5. Election of two members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission [115 (b)]
	6. Report of the Credentials Committee [3 (b)]
	(16 December-end of 13 weeks)

Plenary items not scheduled for debate

Implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and the Political Declarations on HIV/AIDS [10]

Report of the Peacebuilding Commission [30]; Report of the Secretary-General on the Peacebuilding Fund [112]: joint debate

Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte [39]

Approval of the appointment of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [116 (i)]

Election of the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme [115 (e)]

Election of the Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme [115 (f)]

Follow-up to the recommendations on administrative management and internal oversight of the Independent Inquiry Committee into the United Nations Oil-for-Food Programme [128]